

Weekend events commemorate the sorrows of Lili'uokalani

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Offerings at Mauna 'Ala on Saturday morning will kick off a weekend of Hawaiian ceremonies and historical observances by groups including pro-sovereignty organizations and the state judiciary.

Many of the events will commemorate the overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani on Jan. 17, 1893, or her arrest, abdication, trial and imprisonment in 1895.

On Sunday, the sovereignty group Ka Lahui Hawai'i will hold a daylong observance on the grounds of Iolani Palace,

with an emphasis on culture, history and education — a shift from the more political positions previously taken by the group.

"We're trying to get people not to think of demonstrations but to change the thinking into more positive things," said coordinator Coochie Cayan.

On Monday, the Independent Sovereign Nation State of Hawaii, formerly the Ohana Council, will adopt its resolution and also celebrate the first anniversary of its declaration of independence.

Also Monday, the sovereign-

ty education consortium Hui Na'auao will begin an eight-month vigil on the palace grounds, to commemorate the queen's imprisonment.

Events include:

SATURDAY

■ 9 a.m., presentation of ho'okupu for the queen at Mauna 'Ala, the Royal Mausoleum in Nuuanu. Coordinated by Ka Lahui Hawai'i.

SUNDAY

■ 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Ka Lahui Hawai'i Sovereign Sunday program at Iolani Palace. Opens with native American ceremony. Includes midday

tribute to the late Kawaipuna Prejean and re-enactment of queen's speech.

■ 4 p.m., performance of "Trial of a Queen: 1895 Military Tribunal," at the state Judiciary History Center, Aliiolani Hale. On Oahu, the performance will be repeated 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7 at the Pearl City Cultural Center on Waimanalo Home Road.

■ 6 p.m. to midnight, Ka Lahui holds first of three evenings of hourly vigils and speeches by kupuna — elders — on the lawn next to Iolani Barracks.

MONDAY

(Martin Luther King Jr. Day and the centennial of the arrest of Lili'uokalani).

■ 8 to 6 p.m., Independent Sover-

eign Nation State of Hawaii program and celebration at Iolani Palace. The group will celebrate the anniversary of its 1994 declaration of independence by signing its new constitution, a noon ceremony and speeches by various leaders including head of state Dennis "Bumpy" Kanahahele.

■ 10 a.m., Hui Na'auao begins vigil near makai-walkiki corner of the palace, where the queen was imprisoned on the second floor. The queen was arrested about 10 a.m. on Jan. 16, 1895. She was forced to formally abdicate her claim to the throne on Jan. 24, put on trial on Feb. 6 and held at the palace until Sept. 6. The vigil will continue round-the-clock until that date this year. Hui Na'auao invites groups to sign up to participate in the

vigil.

■ 6 p.m. to midnight, Ka Lahui hourly vigils and speeches by kupuna next to Iolani Barracks.

Jan. 17

(102nd anniversary of the overthrow of Lili'uokalani.)

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■ Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council begins voter registration for its sovereignty plebiscite.

Jan. 18

■ Public tours of the imprisonment room display at Iolani Palace begin. The magnificent quilt that Lili'uokalani began sewing during her imprisonment will be placed on public display.